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1. Since 1946 the Russians have had attached to the Polish Navy a special engineer battalion, called the Independent Engineer Battalion of the Navy (Samodzielny Batalion Inzynieryno-Saperski Marynarki Wojennej). This battalion has been placed in charge of coastal fortification construction along the Polish sea coast.

2. The commander of the battalion is always a Russian, the present one being Andrei Barrikadov, a Russian naval officer. His engineering staff consists of three Russian military engineers and two Polish civil engineers. His headquarters is in one of the Navy buildings in Gdynia, on Washington Street (ulica Waszyngtona).

3. The battalion consists of three companies, each company containing four platoons, and each platoon consisting of four sections of two FCO's and ten men each. In addition 800 German prisoners are at the disposal of the battalion.

4. The battalion is in charge of all coastal fortification construction between Gdansk and Gdynia, in Gdynia proper, in the naval harbor at Okaywie, and on the Hel peninsula. Intensive construction activity is reported from the northeast section of the peninsula, near the town of Hel.

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